



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/655,364

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Applicant: B. Musicki

Group Art Unit: 1624

Examiner: B. Coleman

Title: NOVEL HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS,  
PREPARATION PROCESS AND INTERMEDIATES,  
IN PARTICULAR AS  $\beta$ -LACTAMASE INHIBITORS  
AND ANTIBACTERIALS

Attorney Docket: 8674-000031

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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction dated August 31, 2005, Applicant's representative hereby provisionally elects alleged Group I, Claims 1-16, 22 and 23, and the alleged species of Example 11 (inside Group I), with traverse. The Examiner's restriction regarding the alleged species was unclear. Thus, if the present election is unsatisfactory then further clarification from the Examiner is requested.

Furthermore, at least Claims 1, 3-5, 7-16, 22 and 23 are all generic to both Groups I and II, as admitted by the Examiner, so it is requested that these two groups be combined. Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.